



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

## In re Application of

Kenichi Kokubo

Serial No.: 09/466,925      Group Art Unit: 2135

Filed: December 20, 1999      Examiner: Ha, Leynna A.

For: DATA STORAGE DEVICE AND DETECTION METHOD

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450**EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

	<u>AFTER AMENDMENT</u>	<u>PREV. PAID FOR</u>	<u>EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>FEE DUE</u>
Total Claims	26	20	= 6	x \$ 50.00	\$ 300.00
Indep. Claims	10	9	= 1	x \$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					<b>\$ 500.00</b>

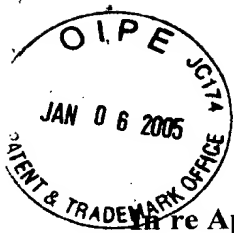
A check in the amount of \$500.00 is submitted herewith to cover the excess claim fee. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

In preparation for imminent appeal and in response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Claims 1-26 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1-2 and 9 are amended to more clearly define the invention and claims 21-26 are added. Claims 1-2, 5-6, 9-13, and 21 are independent.

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